

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 30, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515


Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Stanhope Water Tower Installation in Stanhope, New Jersey, 7th Congressional District of New Jersey, in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Borough of Stanhope, New Jersey, located at 77 Main Street, Stanhope, NJ 07874. The funding would be used for water tower installation that will significantly enhance the Borough's municipal water supply and better safeguard residents. The proposed 300,000-gallon water tower will significantly improve critical water infrastructure for the Borough of Stanhope, which currently does not have an adequate independent municipal supply. The proposal is based upon the Borough's Water System Planning Study report that examined the municipality's water system, including necessary water capacity, to determine a necessary water tower size. Moreover, the water tower would also improve fire mitigation efforts, which are currently strained due to unreliable water sources. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Borough currently does not have a sufficient water supply to mitigate disasters effectively, such as weather- or fire-related events, leaving community members in a vulnerable position when such events strike. If a water shortage were to occur rapidly, the Borough would have limited options for securing additional reliable water sources for residents.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,


Thomas H. Kean, Jr.
Member of Congress